

Volunteer Coordination Center

Sandy City has organized a Volunteer Coordination Center (VCC), which will be operational in the event of a disaster or emergency.

The VCC will register and process volunteers who show up at the center, during or after a disaster. Volunteers will be sent to help in disaster areas that fit their abilities and expertise. The VCC will be located at the Lone Peak Pavilion, 10140 South 700 East. Additional VCC locations have been designated throughout the city and could become operational if needed.

The Sandy City Volunteer Coordinator is currently looking for volunteers to help staff the VCC. Qualifications needed include: 18 years of age or older; good communication and phone skills; your own transportation to and from VCC; and a willingness to work 8-12 hour shifts. Bilingual skills are desired but not necessary.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Marsha Millet at 568-7114.

Sandy City's Environmental Efforts

Sandy City is working hard to become more energy efficient by changing everyday operations in order to help protect the environment. Here are just a few programs and projects several departments throughout the city have implemented to help do our part.

Buildings, Facilities and Lighting

- Lights have been replaced with energy efficient and environmentally friendly lights, ballasts and photocell controls.
- Traffic lights and exit lights have been replaced with LED fixtures to be more energy efficient.
- Boilers and water heaters have been replaced with high efficiency models.
- Older buildings have been re-wired to increase efficiency.
- Occupancy sensors have been installed to preserve energy.
- Air damper systems have been installed to cool buildings without running compressors.
- HVAC systems have been programmed and controlled to run only during occupied hours.
- Reflective roofing systems are used to reduce energy costs.
- Janitors are using environmentally safe cleaning chemicals.
- Different types of street lights and street light caps are being tested and will be used to prevent light pollution and be more energy efficient.

Public Works

- Curbside recycling in Sandy produces 5,400 tons of recycled material annually, diverting 15% of the waste away from the landfill.
- The use of hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles will be tested for use in the city's fleet.
- Smaller, fuel efficient vehicles are used when reasonable.
- City staff reduce trips to the landfill and worksites through planning and coordination.

Parks and Recreation

- Green waste, fall leaves and Christmas trees are recycled as compost and mulch for parks and trails.
- Pool covers are used at Alta Canyon to prevent evaporation, heat loss and chemical leaks.
- Park irrigation systems are managed using weather stations and the latest technology to reduce water use.

Public Utilities

- The city enforces watershed protection measures to protect the environment and keep our drinking water safe and has purchased 224 acres of property around Bell Canyon Reservoir to protect the watershed which can also serve as public open space.
- Public Utilities works to keep the aquifers clean by regulating the protection zones around wells.
- The city is working to stop contaminated water from entering rivers and streams through the Storm Water Coalition.
- Water conservation efforts have resulted in a 20 percent decrease in water usage city-wide.



Solicitation Guidelines for Residents

Due to recent Supreme Court decisions, specialized ordinances regulating door-to-door solicitors are being reviewed and updated. Currently, a regular business license is requested. While the new ordinance will address regulations that may help alleviate some of the complaints received by the Police and the License office, it will certainly continue to be difficult for Sandy City's Business Licensing Department to enforce licensure of people trying to sell door-to-door in residential neighborhoods. Residents who do not wish to have their day interrupted by a door-to-door solicitor, can simply post a sign on their property stating, "no solicitation."